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GOOD NEWS!

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At an amicable meeting of the Washington County Library Trustees and officers and directors of WCGS, on November 28, the last obstacle to the Library's acceptance of our grant-gift was removed. A special acknowledgement is due trustees Mrs. Cathy Carter and Mr. Jim Hillard for their hard work as a special committee on this issue.

Our November meeting saw near-record attendance , with an excellent program by fellow-member Betsey Modlin. Betsey, a member of the Mayflower Society, introduced us to her ancestor, James Chilton, a signer of the Mayflower Compact. Shortly after the signing, James died as the ship rode at anchor off Cape Cod. His daughter pertetuated the family line in America. Betsey also showed a excellent vedio on "Plimouth Plantation.

At the November meeting, we also voted to donate all of the WCGS Journals to Martin Community College, Williamston. MCC librarian, Cathy Carter, says the Journals will be displayed in the "Manning Room" which houses the College's local history and genealogical collections. We routinely give the Journal to the Washington and the Tyrrell County libraries.

Our December Journal should be in the mail about December 11. With this issue, we are delighted to have Doris H. Sauls resume her "TIDBITS" articles, begun several years ago. These deed abstracts are loaded with genealogical facts, espescially important for a "burned" county such as

Washingtonwhere the early wills and marriage records, and most of the early court records, were lost to fire.

We list below those who contributed articles to the 1995 Journals. To you who contributed.....Your editor thanks you, your Society thanks you, and(is it unreasonable to assume?) your ancestors whom you have helped to "imortalize" thank you!

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Please send in your renewals promptly. Let's start the New Year with a vigorous membership. And let's all try to recruit New mambers.

CHRISTMAS IS A'COMIN'! Time for gift-giving. Remember, we have several publications that make delightful gifts for a relative or friend who have roots here on the South Shore.For $5.00-$15.00 you can give something of lasting value.....something that won't be et-up, drun k-up, broke-up. or trashed before the poinsettias wilt. See our price list, herein. Please order early.

We're sorry that our slate of officers for '96 isn't quite ready. Those already elected are Ed norman, President, Russell Tyson, VP, Peggy Adams, Recording Secretary. Virginia Haire will be Corresponding Secretary, filling a most important position vacant all this year. Lawrence Swain, who has been our Treasurer for many years and has performed far beyond"the call of duty", inssists on retiring. We have a most competent candidate for his replacement, who will be confirmed

by election at our next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our DECEMBER meeting will be a "dutch" dinner the RAM ALBEMARLE resturant, Plymouth (by-pass;US 64), 7 PM Friday, December 8th.

There will be NO Meeting on 3dSunday in December.

There will be a FOLKLORE WORKSHOP at Columbia, 3:30-5:30 Monday December 11th. Board of Education Bldg., Road St.

We hope to get some pointers to aid in our efforts to help preserve th folk lore of this area.

The Martin County Genealogical Society "will sponsor an all day AGLL/Heritage Quest Magazine Road Show at Martin Community College Tuesday, 23 April, 1996. $30 per person, with $15.00 for each additional immediate family member.For further info., contact Jennifer Sheppard, 118 Weaver Dr., Williamston, NC 27892 (919) 792-5472.

Fellow-member Barbara Rawls has given our Society her transcription of the Washington County Census 1850. We will be discussing publication after the first of the year.

We apologize to Barbara for not mentioning this fine work and gift in our last NEWS. We thank you, Barbara!

Roy Vail, fellow-member from from Pavo, Georgia, has donated his "The Vails of the Albemarle". We received this work just a day or so ago, so can't give a review just now. More on this fine gift soon.

QUERIES

Need info. on the wife and children of George Collins Newbury, b. 1845; served in Civil War in the Edenton Battalion. Went yo Seattle, Washington, where he d. 1918 at Port Orchard--the Veteran's Home.

Ella Carter Newbury, POB 443, Livermore, CA 94551-0443.

Preparing to submit app. into Sons of American Revolution, I need validation of marriage of Thomes O. Vail to Martha W. Skiles c. 1874. Also validation of my grand father Thomas A. Vail to Lucia Delma Clifton c. 1894.
Roy A. Vail.Rt.2, Box 311, Pavo, Georgia 31778

Need correspondence/conversation Re: Clayton families of Gum Neck and their descendants and antecedants. Any Clayton-related stories. Any known grave sites. Jones, Cahoon, Liverman families ---can you help me?? Ed Norman, POB 754, Plymouth 27962. 793-2427.

If I have over-looked any recent Queries, please excuse me, and resubmit. With the happy advent of Virginia, as our Corresponding Secretary, and a new NEWS editor, things are "looking up" for '96. DO keep the queries coming!

Ed Norman

"I'M MY OWN GRANDPAW"

Many thanks to fellow member Phil Coulter, Virginia Beach, for a copy of this poem, remembered from the 1930's and sought in our Queries.

Many, many years ago when
I was twenty three
I was married to a widow who
Was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown up
Daughter who had hair of red.
My father fell in love with her
And soon they too were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law
And changed my very life:
For my daughter was my mother
'cause she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matter even
Though it brought me joy....
I soon became the father of a
Bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became a
brother-in-law to Dad,
And so became my uncle
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my unclethen
that also made him brother
Of the widow's grown up
Daughter who, of course, was
My stepmother,

Father's wife then had a son
Who kept them on the run;
And he became my grandchild
For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's
mother and it makes me blue
Because although she is my wife
She's my grandmother too.

Now if my wife is my grand-
mother then I'm her grandchild:
And every time I think of it, it
Nearly drives me wild.

For now I have become the
Strangest case you ever saw;
As husband of my grandmother
I am my own grandpaw.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

WASHINGTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

☐ WASHINGTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - CHARTER MEMBERS - 1990. (Pub WCGS 1990). Compiled and edited by Veronica Jones Haskett, 110 pgs, photocopied. Includes photos and brief resumes of Charter Members. Indexed by Lawrence Swain (WCGS 1994).....$ 15.00

☐ CIVIL WAR TOMBSTONES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NC. (Pub WCGS - April 1991) Compiled and edited by Veronica Jones Haskett, 23 pgs. Includes photos and brief descriptions.....$ 5.00

☐ TAXABLE PROPERTY - WASHINGTON COUNTY - 1815. Transcribed by Sybble Smithwick. (Pub WCGS 1991).....$ 4.50

☐ WASHINGTON COUNTY ESTATE PAPERS 1862-1933. Transcribed by Sybble Smithwick. (Pub WCGS 1991).....$ 2.50

☐ WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA - WPA CEMETERY SURVEY 1937. Transcribed by Sybble Smithwick, retyped and indexed (Pub WCGS)....$ 5.00

☐ WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA CENSUS - 1860. (Pub WCGS 1992), soft cover, surname index.....$ 15.00

☐ WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES, Vol I. (Pub WCGS 1993), soft cover, full name index.....$ 10.00

PERIODICALS

☐ WCGS ROOTS & VINES 1990. (WCGS Newsletters); the set has been indexed by persons, places & things by Lawrence Swain, photocopied and bound.....$15.00

☐ WCGS ROOTS & VINES 1991 (WCGS Newsletters); full set photocopied and bound.....$ 12.00

☐ WCGS NEWSLETTERS 1992; full set photocopied and bound.....$ 12.00

☐ WCGS NEWSLETTERS 1993; full set, including Spring, Summer & Fall Journals, photocopied and bound.....$ 15.00

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